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SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kremer, may I ask you a question please? Would this then automatically be that counties would receive remuneration for this space, all counties would, whether they are furnishing the space now or not?

SENATOR KREMER: If the amendments are adopted, Senator Nichol, it would provide that they are allocated 20% of the fees collected, rather than 5%. They now get 5%. That was one of the arguments, or one of the concerns that was voiced by some of the county people that the monies received, 5%, did not pay for the processing of the drivers license or for any expense that might be involved in providing space. So the Committee agreed that, through Committee amendment, we would allocate to them 20% rather than 5%.

SENATOR NICHOL: I see. Do you think, in your opinion, that this would be adequate where a county had to provide additional facilities that were not available at the time?

SENATOR KREMER: I wish it were more clear in my mind. As I recall the testimony of those that had this concern was that we get 20% and I believe that testimony was given by Arnold Ruhnke who represents the county officials. If we give 20% the bill would be acceptable.

SENATOR NICHOL: OK, thank you sir.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Kremer a couple questions and then maybe make a proposal. The purpose of having the space is to provide the service for the people in the county to have a place to take their drivers test? Is that correct?

SENATOR KREMER: To renew them or replace them if they're lost, and what not.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: In other words, this provides a service for those people in the counties? If there are those that are seriously concerned about not wanting to provide that service to allow the state to provide the service, would you be acceptable to an amendment if proper space is not provided then the state service for drivers license renewals, etc. would not be available in that particular county and the residents could go elsewhere to get that service.

SENATOR KREMER: It probably would force the issue alright.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'm prepared to offer that kind of an amendment. We'll just see how yours goes first, then if it doesn't work, why they don't want to provide the space, we won't provide the service in that particular location.

SENATOR KREMER: It is not that the county will not do it. Most I suppose all counties are doing it. Lancaster County, for example, does have a problem. The space that was available at the building was not adequate. They felt they needed to provide more space. Then there was an argument as to whose responsibility is it. You have to give someone the responsibility. Since nearly all counties were